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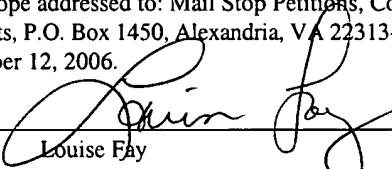
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
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I hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this case, on the basis that the Office Action forming the basis of the abandonment was not received. I hereby state: (a) the Office Action indicated as mailed on March 24, 2006, was not received; and (b) a search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that this Office Action was not received. Further, I include a copy of the envelope indicating mail was returned to the USPTO as undelivered on April 4, 2006.

I attach a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. As additional evidence of non-receipt of the Office Action, I also attach a statement from Monica Gamez, the docketing administrator, who would have

docketed the Office Action had it been received.

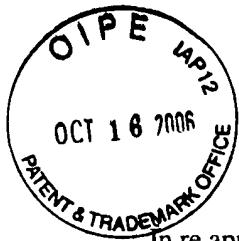
In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, the Office Action as mailed on March 24, 2006, according to the USPTO Patent Application Information Retrieval system, be re-dated and mailed so that our office can respond in a timely manner.

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Sir:

I, Monica Gamez, being of sound mind and legal age, and fully aware of the punishable nature of making untrue statements as Affiant herein, do hereby attest to personal knowledge of the following:

I am employed by the law firm of Yee & Associates, P.C. (the "Firm"), as a Legal Assistant, in which capacity I personally receive all client related materials requiring further action and docketing on behalf of the Firm and IBM Corporation (the "Client").

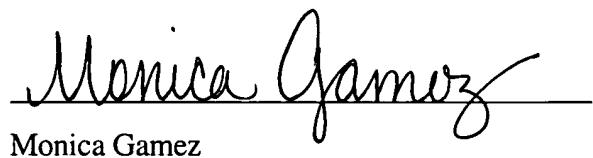
On the mailing date of the Office Action in question, March 24, 2006, I was employed full time by the Firm and have no record of receipt of said Office Action. The Client received a telephone call from the Examiner inquiring of the status of the response to the March 24, 2006 office action. At that time, the Client immediately contacted us to inform us of this situation and to ask if we had received a copy of the Office Action. The Client notified us that they had not received the Office Action either. Upon checking the USPTO website, it was found that the Office

Action dated March 24, 2006 had been returned to the USPTO as "undelivered mail".

When an office action is received, I enter the office action on the Firm's master docket and also enter the office action on the Firm's internal docketing system which produces the Case History Report attached hereto. Receipt of the office action is neither indicated on the Case History Report nor on the case file index.

Sworn to and attested as follows at Dallas, Texas on Thursday, October 12, 2006:

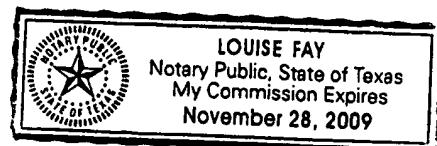
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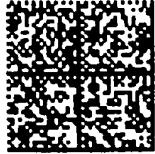
On this the 12th day of October, 2006, personally appeared before me Monica Gamez, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged that she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.


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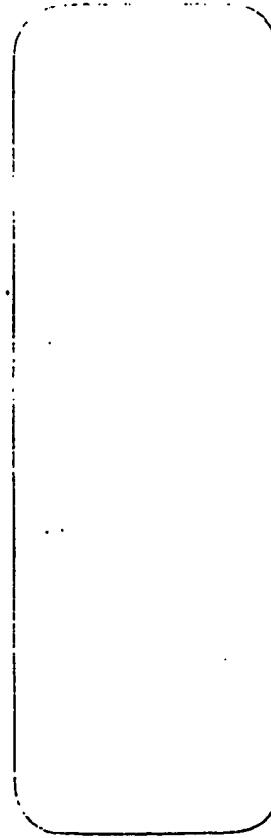


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